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EAST ASHFORD RURAL DISTRICT, KENT



ANNUAL REPORTS OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR

1960





EAST ASHFORD (KENT) RURAL DISTRICT

Annual Reports of the Medical Officer
of Health and Public Health Inspector
for the Year, 1960.

Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report for the year 1960.

Population

The Registrar General's estimate of the mid-year Home Population was 10,680 which represents an increase of 100 over that of the previous year.

Live Births and Rate

The number of live-births was 157, an increase of 27 over the previous year and the crude birthrate was accordingly 14.70, which, after adjustment by the Registrar General's Comparability Factor, which is computed from a population standardised for age and sex distribution and allows comparison with other Districts, becomes 16.32; this rate was slightly lower than that of 17.1 for England and Wales.

Stillbirths and Rate

The number of stillbirths registered was 2 (1 M. 1 F.) and the still-birth rate was accordingly 12.58, which compares favourably with that of 19.7 for England and Wales.

Infant Deaths and Mortality Rate

The number of infant deaths was 3 (2 M. 1F.) and the infantile mortality rate was accordingly 19.11 and also compares favourably with that of 21.7 for England and Wales.

The causes of death were:-

- (1) Prematurity - 8 hours
- (2) Prematurity - 12 hours
- (3) (a) Heart Failure - one month
(b) Congenital Cardiac Abnormality.

Maternal Deaths and Mortality Rate

This rate was again nil, and there were no deaths from Pregnancy, Childbirth and Abortion.

Total Deaths and Rate

The number of deaths from all causes was 119 (56 M. 63 F.) and the crude death rate was accordingly 11.14, which, after adjustment by the Registrar General's Comparability Factor, as for births, is reduced to 9.13 and was lower than that of 11.5 for England and Wales.

The chief group cause of deaths, as would naturally be expected, was Heart and Circulatory Diseases and Vascular Lesions of the Nervous System; of these there were 70.

Disease of the Coronary Artery of the Heart is however exceptional in that it is responsible for the deaths of many middle-aged persons.

There were 23 of those deaths, 11 male and 12 female. The ages at death ranged from 38 to 87 years, and of these 4 or 17% were under 60 years. Intensive research is being devoted to its causation, which is still obscure.

The second chief cause of deaths, as in previous years, was Cancer, of which there were 24, exactly the same number as in the previous year. There have been notable advances in modern treatment which nevertheless is wholly ineffective if the diagnosis is established too late; having regard to the latent and insidious nature of the disease, procrastination by patients, the majority of whom are becoming old, is the most common factor associated with late diagnosis.

Cancer of the Lung caused 10 deaths (7 M. 3 F.) compared with 6 (5 M. 1 F) in the previous year. The ages at death ranged from 57 to 82 years and 3 or 30% were under 60 years. The predominance of male deaths would appear to be significant in relation to the theory that the inhalation of tobacco smoke over a prolonged period of years is a contributory or primary causative factor.

The other causes of death were miscellaneous (see table), and there was no death due to the Infectious Diseases.

Infectious Diseases

Measles

172 cases were notified. This infection is endemic amongst children and outbreaks occur when a sufficient number of susceptible children has aggregated. Fortunately it is not usually a serious illness, but occasionally dangerous complications viz. Broncho-pneumonia, Acute Otitis Media and Acute Encephalitis in that order of frequency, supervene. The occurrence of Post-Measles Acute Encephalitis would appear to be becoming more frequent in recent years, and although the majority of patients recover, a few die from a fulminating type of the illness.

Whooping Cough

Only five cases were notified. Outbreaks are becoming less common and this is probably due to the fact that more and more infants are being vaccinated against the disease each year at Child Welfare Centres and by the family Practitioners. The number of infant deaths from Broncho-pneumonia and Collapse of the Lung is now at a minimum.

Scarlet Fever

Three sporadic cases were notified. In its present phase, this infection is comparatively mild and few cases are admitted to the Infectious Diseases Hospital. The serious complications of former years, such as Nephritis, Endocarditis and Otitis Media are now rarely seen.

Erysipelas

This infection of the skin which is caused by the same micro-organism as Scarlet Fever is now comparatively rare - only one case was notified. This also was a very serious disease in former years but modern treatment with the Antibiotics or Sulpha drugs is specific and no death has been recorded in this area since the introduction of the Sulpha drugs in 1936.

Sonne Dysentery

Four cases from one family in which personal and environmental hygiene were of low standard, were notified. This is usually a mild disease causing diarrhoea with or without blood and mucus for a few days and as a number of patients do not consult their Practitioners, many become convalescent or chronic carriers in whom a reservoir of infection persists and where personal and environmental hygiene are neglected outbreaks occur

from time to time.

Poliomyelitis, Diphtheria and other notifiable Diseases

None of these was notified.

Immunisation against Diphtheria has been proved to be an invaluable achievement of medical science, and the absence of Poliomyelitis amongst those vaccinated also would seem to be proof of an equal achievement.

Tuberculosis

Four new cases of Respiratory Tuberculosis were notified, all in the 35+ years age group. Prior to circa 1950, the majority of cases occurred in the adolescent age-group but since then the number of cases in this age-group has become less and less which is an index that the forces of the Public Health Services are closing the breaches of infection. In this respect, the Mass Radiography Service is performing a valuable service in the ascertainment of latent cases who would sooner or later become overt cases of infection to others. B.C.G. vaccination is also available to children before they leave school and is one of the many defensive measures that in the course of time should lead to the complete elimination of this disease which has plagued man for centuries.

Notable advances in treatment within the last decade have also been of inestimable value, particularly in eliminating the waiting lists for treatment in Sanatoria and in reducing the number of beds required.

No new cases of Non-Respiratory or Bovine Tuberculosis were notified which is an index of the safety of our present-day milk and meat supplies.

In conclusion, I wish to take this opportunity of thanking you for your interest and support in the work of the Department and also to thank the staff for their thorough and efficient service.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

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STATISTICAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE DISTRICT
FOR 1960

Area:- 51,398 acres

Registrar-General's Estimate of:-

The Resident Population	...	...	...	10,680
<u>Number of Inhabited Houses According</u> <u>to the Rate Books</u>	...	...	...	3,738
<u>Rateable Value:-</u>	...	...	...	£105,500
<u>Sum Represented by a Penny Rate</u>	...	...	...	£405

SOCIAL CONDITIONS

East Ashford Rural District is predominantly agricultural in character - there are few light industries. The Council has been progressive in building 100 pre-war and 453 post-war Traditional Houses, and generally social conditions are very satisfactory.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

	<u>Total</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>		<u>East Ashford Rural District</u>	<u>England and Wales</u>
1. <u>Live Births</u>	157	70	87	Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population	14.70 (Adjusted rate 16.32)	17.1
(a) Legitimate	143	65	78			
(b) Illegitimate	14	5	9			
2. <u>Stillbirths</u>	2	1	1	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births	12.58	19.7
(a) Legitimate	2	1	1			
(b) Illegitimate	-	-	-			
3. <u>Total live and still births</u>	159	71	88			
4. <u>Deaths</u>	119	56	63	Death rate per 1,000 resident population	11.14 (Adjusted rate 9.13)	11.5
5. <u>Deaths from Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion</u>	-	-	-	Rate per 1,000 (live and still) births	-	Not available
6. <u>Deaths of Infants Under One Year of Age</u>	3	2	1	Rate per 1,000 live births	19.11	21.9
(a) Legitimate	1	1	-	Rate per 1,000 live births (legitimate)	6.99	
(b) Illegitimate	2	1	1	Rate per 1,000 live births (illegitimate)	142.86	
7. <u>Deaths of Infants Under Four Weeks of Age</u>	2	1	1	Rate per 1,000 live births	12.74	15.6
(a) Legitimate	-	-	-			
(b) Illegitimate	2	1	1			
8. <u>Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births</u>					8.92%	
9. <u>Deaths from Cancer (all ages)</u>					24	
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)					-	
Deaths from Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea					-	
Deaths from Measles					-	

The following cases of Infectious Diseases were notified during the year.

Erysipelas	...	...	...	1
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	5
Measles	...	...	...	172
Acute Primary or Influenzal Pneumonia	...	...	...	3
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	3
Dysentery	...	...	...	4

CAUSES OF DEATH IN EAST ASHFORD RURAL

DISTRICT DURING 1960

ALL CAUSES				Males	Females
				56	63
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory	...	...	-	-
2.	Tuberculosis, other	...	...	-	-
3.	Syphilitic disease	...	...	-	-
4.	Diphtheria	...	...	-	-
5.	Whooping Cough	...	...	-	-
6.	Meningococcal infections	...	...	-	-
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	-	-
8.	Measles	...	...	-	-
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases	...	...	-	-
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	...	...	3	-
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	...	...	7	3
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast	...	...	-	2
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	...	...	-	-
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	...	...	5	4
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	...	...	2	-
16.	Diabetes	...	...	-	-
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system	...	...	4	10
18.	Coronary disease, angina	...	...	11	12
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	...	...	-	5
20.	Other heart disease	...	...	8	14
21.	Other circulatory disease	...	...	3	3
22.	Influenza	...	...	1	-
23.	Pneumonia	...	...	-	3
24.	Bronchitis	...	...	4	1
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system	...	...	-	-
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	-	1
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	...	...	-	-
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis	...	...	-	-
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate	...	...	1	-
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	...	...	-	-
31.	Congenital malformations	...	...	1	-
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	...	...	4	3
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	...	...	1	-
34.	All other accidents	...	...	-	1
35.	Suicide	...	...	-	1
36.	Homicide and operations of war	...	...	1	-

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Mortality, 1960

<u>Age Periods</u>	<u>New Cases</u>				<u>Deaths</u>				<u>Total cases on Register</u>			
	<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non-Respiratory</u>		<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non-Respiratory</u>		<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non-Respiratory</u>	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	37	32	12	3
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
35	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-				
45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
55	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
65 and upwards	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Total	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-				

There were no deaths from Pulmonary Tuberculosis of patients who had not been notified as suffering from this disease.

IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION

Diphtheria Immunisation, Whooping Cough Immunisation
and Smallpox Vaccination figures for 1960

Year of Birth	Diphtheria Immunisation		Smallpox Vaccination		Whooping-Cough Immunisation
	Primary	Reinforcing	Primary	Revaccination	Primary
1960	52	-	53	-	52
1959	64	-	46	-	62
1958	12	-	9	-	6
1957	7	1	2	2	8
1956	5	9	4	1	2
1955	2	40	-	-	3
1954	1	14	2	-	-
1953	2	10	-	-	1
1952	-	3	-	-	-
1951	1	2	1	-	-
1950	-	2	-	-	-
1949	1	2	-	-	-
1948	-	5	-	-	-
1947	-	2	-	-	-
1946	1	1	-	-	-
Before 1946	-	1	-	6	-
	148	92	117	7	134

IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA, 1960

The following is a return of the number of children under the age of 15 years on 31st December, 1960, who had completed a course of immunisation at any time before that date (i.e., at any time since 1st January, 1946).

Year of Birth	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	Total
Last complete course of injections (whether primary or booster) 1956 - 1960	24	38	33	12	32	97	86	71	74	117	110	104	102	90	52	1,042
1955 or earlier	113	123	99	122	97	56	45	56	60	10	-	-	-	-	-	781

POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION, 1960

The following table gives (A) the number of second injections and (B) the number of third injections given during the year ended 31st December, 1960

(A)	25	135	24	8	7	7	6	6	2	3	3	3	3	2	3	-	1	4	90	436	18	786
(B)	1	53	100	38	17	19	24	10	15	10	12	15	13	17	13	10	14	14	306	106	47	856
Born	1960	1959	1958	1957	1956	1955	1954	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946	1945	1944	1943	1933-1942	Before 1933	Others	Total

MASS RADIOGRAPHY SURVEY

Details of Survey carried out during April/
May, 1960

MINIATURE FILMS TAKEN

<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
699	740	1,439

ATTENDING MASS RADIOGRAPHY
FOR THE FIRST TIME

<u>Number</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
846	58.7

RESULTS

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Active Tuberculosis	-	2	2
Inactive Tuberculosis	6	6	12
Cancer of Lung	-	-	-

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY

The quantity of water supplied to the area is adequate and none of the supplies are plumbo solvent.

(A) Examination of Water Supplies during the year.

	<u>Bacteriological Examination</u>			<u>Chemical Examination</u>		
	<u>No. of Samples</u>	<u>Satis- factory</u>	<u>Not Satis- factory</u>	<u>No. of Samples</u>	<u>Satis- factory</u>	<u>Not Satis- factory</u>
Statutory supply undertakings	13	13	-	-	-	-
Private sources piped to dwellings	2	-	2	-	-	-
Other private sources	2	-	2	-	-	-

- (B) (i) Number of dwellings not supplied by public water mains or other adequate piped supplies 157
- (ii) Number of dwellings in the area ... 3,738
- (iii) Number of houses supplied from standpipes - Parish of Mersham 5.

(C) Brief details as to extensions of water mains during the year:-

An extension of water mains in Quarrington Lane, Mersham, has now been completed providing a supply to ten houses.

(D) Action taken in respect of any form of contamination:-

In the case of the houses with piped private supply an alternative supply was made available. Two other properties with wells were being asked to connect to the nearby main.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

No alterations, extension or improvements to sewerage systems or purification works were carried out during the year 1960. A scheme of sewerage and sewage disposal for the village of Chilham has been approved by the Ministry as also were schemes for new disposal works for the villages of Wye and Hamstreet. Work is expected to commence in 1961.

FOOD (INCLUDING ICE CREAM AND MILK) AND FOOD PREPARING PREMISES

- (i) (a) the number of food premises in the area ... 106
- (b) the number of food premises registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955:- ... 50
- (c) the number of inspections of registered food premises 102
- (d) the method of disposal of condemned food:-

Animal waste disposed of by Eastern By-Products Ltd. Other food destroyed at Refuse Tips.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Number of inspections of:-

Bakehouses	...	...	5
Butchers and meat products manufacturers	...	...	35
Catering Establishment and Clubs	...	...	13
Dairies	...	...	10
Fish (including fried)	...	...	2
Licenced Premises	...	...	28
Slaughterhouses	...	...	198
Stalls, Itinerant Vendors and delivery vans	...		-
All other Food Premises	...	...	25

Number of Informal (including Verbal) Notices Served (Food and Drugs Act - Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955) 11

Number of Food Premises improved as a result of notices served 11

Inspection of Food and Food-preparing Premises

Particulars of any action taken, including inspection of meat and other foods, slaughterhouses, stalls, vehicles and food-preparing places:-

Sampling of watercress from one of the two watercress beds in the area was increased. Representations were made to the owner due to the unsatisfactory reports on these samples. Subsequently the owner installed a dipping tank and all the watercress is now treated prior to despatch.

Number of samples of Ice Cream taken for bacteriological examination during the year and results obtained.

	<u>Samples</u>	<u>Grades</u>			
		<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
Sold loose	Nil				
Wrapped or Part Wrapped	Nil				

(ii) Milk and Dairies

(1) Milk and Dairies Regulations 1949 (Part III)
Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959 (Part III)

No. of registered distributors	...	...	...	11
No. of registered dairies	...	...	...	5

(2) The Milk (Special Designations) (Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1949

The Milk (Special Designation) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949

Number of licences issued, excluding licences granted by Food and Drugs authorities to pasteurise or sterilise milk.

	<u>Dealers</u>	<u>Supplementary</u>
Pasteurised	11	4
Sterilised	6	4
T.T. (raw)	11	5

Summary of Milk Sampling for the purposes of Milk (Special Designation) Regulations.

	<u>No. of Samples taken</u>	<u>No. of Samples which failed</u>
Pasteurised Milk	Nil	Phosphatase Test: Nil
Sterilised Milk	Nil	M.B. test: Nil
Tuberculin Tested Milk (raw)	Nil	Turbidity test: Nil
		M.B. test Nil

Biological Examination of Raw Milk

	<u>No. of Samples</u>	<u>No. of Samples Unsatisfactory</u>
Retail supplies	Nil	Nil
Others	Nil	Nil

(iii) Meat Inspection

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	338	Nil	49	943	671	Nil
Number inspected	338	Nil	49	943	671	Nil
<u>All diseases except tuberculosis and cysticerci</u>						
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	4	-	-	3	4	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	1.17	-	-	.31	.59	-
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>						
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	1	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	.14	-
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

<u>Number of Slaughter-houses in use</u>			
<u>Slaughter-houses/Abattoirs in operation owned or leased by Local Authority</u>	<u>Private Slaughter-houses</u> <u>Licensed Operating</u>		<u>Bacon Factories</u>
Nil	4	4	Nil
			<u>Knackers' Yards</u> Nil

PUBLIC HEALTH AND HOUSING ACTS

HOUSES IN CLEARANCE AREAS AND UNFIT HOUSES ELSEWHERE

(Summary of quarterly returns by local authorities to Ministry of Housing and Local Government in P.13 Hsg. for the year ending 31-12-60)

A. Houses Demolished

<u>In Clearance Areas</u> (Housing Act 1957)	<u>Houses Demolished</u>	<u>Displaced during year</u> <u>Persons Families</u>	
(1) Houses unfit for human habitation	-	-	-
(2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement	-	-	-
(3) Houses on land acquired under Section 43(2) Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-
<u>Not in Clearance Areas</u>			
(4) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17(1) Housing Act, 1957	7	4	1

B. Unfit Houses Closed

Number

- (5) Under Sections 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1) Housing Act, 1957 9
- (6) Under Sections 17(3) and 26 Housing Act, 1957 -
- (7) Parts of buildings closed under Section 18, Housing Act, 1957 -

C. Unfit Houses made fit and Houses in which defects were remedied

By Owner

By Local Authority

- (8) After informal action by local authority 65 -

- (9) After formal notice under -

(a) Public Health Acts - -

(b) Sections 9 and 16 Housing Act, 1957 - -

- (10) Under Section 24 Housing Act, 1957 - -

D. Unfit Houses in temporary use (Housing Act, 1957)

Position at end of year

No. of houses
(1)

No. of separate dwellings contained in column (1)
(2)

- (11) Retained for temporary accommodation

(a) Under Section 48 - -

(b) Under Section 17(2) - -

(c) Under Section 46 - -

- (12) Licensed for temporary occupation under Section 34 or 53 - -

E. <u>Purchase of Houses by agreement</u>	<u>No. of houses</u> (1)	<u>Number of occupants of houses in column (1)</u> (2)
(13) Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders purchased in the year.	-	-

IMPROVEMENTS AND CONVERSIONS

GRANTS

Number of schemes submitted and the number approved for works of improvement or conversions, including total costs, the grants made and the number of houses concerned.

Fifty-eight schemes were submitted of which fifty-six were approved. The total cost of works carried out was £45,193 and grants were made in respect of these schemes amounting to £17,449. A total of 69 houses were involved in these schemes.

Seven Standard Grants were also made, the cost of works involved was £4,261 and grants made amounting to £924.

INSPECTIONS - Summary of inspections made:-

Public Health Act, 1936 and Housing Act, 1957

Number of inspections of dwellings re repairs	...	28
Number of dwellings made fit	...	20
Number of inspections for purposes of Sections 16/17 Housing Act. (Demolition and Closing Orders)		56
Number of inspections of clearance areas	...	-
Number of inspections for general survey and assessment		-

Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958

Housing Subsidies and Standard Grant

Number of inspections in connection with Improvement Grants		413
Number of inspections in connection with Standard Grants		36

Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954 and Rents Act, 1957

Number of inspections re Certificates of Disrepair	...	1
Number of inspections re Certificates as to Remedying of Defects	...	1

Housing (general)

Number of inspections re housing applications	...	8
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Public Health Act

Number of inspections re:-		
Tents, Vans and Sheds	...	99
Aged and Infirm Persons	...	-
Vermin	...	1
Dirty Houses	...	-
Offensive accumulations	...	24

INSPECTIONS (Contd)

Offensive odours	...	24
Nuisance from Keeping Animals	...	1

<u>NOTICES SERVED</u>	<u>Informal</u>	<u>Formal</u>
Public Health Acts	20	2
Housing Acts	-	44

ANALYSIS OF DEFECTS REMEDIED UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH ACT AND HOUSING ACTS

i. House Structure

(a) External

Chimney Stacks	1
Roofs	7
Gutters and fall pipes	9
Brickwork, pointing and rendering	15
Windows (including cords)	2
Doors	7
Decorations	-
Outbuildings	1
Yard surfacing	3

(b) Internal

Plasterwork (walls and ceilings)	19
Doors and Cupboards	5
Fireplace and stoves	7
Staircase	1
Floors (including under floor ventilation)	17
Miscellaneous repairs	35

ii. Dampness to dwellings

Walls	15
Floors	22

iii. Foodstore to dwellings

Made satisfactory	-
Provided	13

iv. Water Supply to dwellings

Well supplies made adequate and safe	-
Wells discontinued and main water provided	13
Service piping renewed	-
Sinks renewed	12
Drainers renewed or provided	23

v. Sanitary Conveniences to Dwellings (including compartments)

Repaired	1
New Provided	1
Conversions to W.C.'s from pail closets	34

INSPECTIONS (Contd.)

vi. <u>Ventilation of dwellings</u>	
Improved	4
vii. <u>Drainage - general</u>	
Drains renewed or repaired	23
Drains cleared	2
viii. <u>Natural Lighting of Dwellings</u>	
Improved	6
ix. <u>Stability of Buildings Remedied</u>	-
x. <u>Dustbins Renewed</u>	-

HOUSING

(i) No. of families on Council's waiting list at 31st December, 1960.	125
(ii) No. of Council houses built during the year ended 31st December, 1960	8
(iii) No. of Private houses built during the year ended 31st December, 1960	63

SUPERVISION OF HOP-PICKERS CAMPS

Since the last report the remaining hop-pickers camp has now been closed.

CARAVAN SITES

There are no multiple caravan sites in the area. Twelve licences have been issued in respect of land used for individual caravans.

CESSPOOL EMPTYING

The emptying of cesspools in all parts of the district is undertaken by the Council twice yearly on request in writing being received from the householder. During the year 1960 the number emptied was 1,552. This work is carried out by Contract and the cost was £2,177.

DRAINAGE

Total number of inhabited houses (including Flats) is	3,738
Total number of houses connected to the sewers	816
Number of houses not connected to the sewers	2,922
Number of premises connected to cesspools	2,920
Number of premises with pail closets	759

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

For the major part of the year the collection of household refuse was by direct labour using a Dennis 15 cubic yard rear loading barrier type covered vehicle. The majority of the district being covered by a fortnightly collection with a weekly collection in the town area of Wye and a four-weekly collection in the more scattered areas. During the year a new 15 cubic yard Commer Karrier barrier loader was put into service and the staff increased to five. From November the whole of the district was covered by a fortnightly collection with the exception of Wye which continues to receive a weekly collection.

The four refuse tips at Molash, Boughton Aluph, Aldington and Smeeth are still being used for the disposal of house refuse.

SALVAGE

During the year 156 tons 13 cwts 1 qtr of baled waste paper was sold for £1,152 also a quantity of rags and metal valued at £61. Total income from salvage was £1,213.

DISINFECTION

No disinfection was carried out during the year.

DISINFESTATION

The number of houses found to be infested with vermin was as follows:-

	<u>Bugs</u>	<u>Fleas</u>	<u>Cockroaches</u>
Council houses	-	-	-
Other houses	-	1	2

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 to 1959

1. Inspections for purposes of provision as to health
(including inspection made by Public Health Inspectors).

<u>Premises</u>	<u>Number on Register</u>	<u>Number of</u>		<u>Occupiers Prosecuted</u>
(1)	(2)	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Written Notices</u>	(5)
i) Factories in which Section 1,2,3,4, and 6, are to be enforced by Local Authorities	6	6	-	-
ii) Factories not included in (i) which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	39	24	3	-
iii) Other premises in which Section 7, is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	-	-	-	-
	45	30	3	-

2. Cases in which defects were found

<u>Particulars</u>	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>	<u>Referred</u>		<u>Number of cases in which Prosecutions were Instituted</u>
(1)	(2)	(3)	<u>To H.M. Inspector</u>	<u>By H.M. Inspector</u>	(6)
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences:-					
(a) insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) unsuitable or defective	3	2	-	3	-
(c) not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	3	2	-	3	-

RODENT CONTROL	TYPE OF PROPERTY				Agricultural
	Local Authority	Dwelling Houses (inc. Council Houses)	All Other (including Business Premises)	Total of Cols. (1) (2) & (3)	
I. Number of properties in Local Authority's District	6	3738	166	3910	530
II. Number of properties inspected as a result of:-					
(a) Notification	-	229	7	236	4
(b) Survey under the Act	6	1130	90	1226	102
(c) Otherwise (e.g. when visited primarily for some other purpose)	-	51	9	46	18
III. Total inspections carried out - including re-inspections (To be completed only if figures are readily available).	72	1398	106	1576	124
IV. Number of properties inspected (in Sect. II) which were found to be infested by:-					
(a) Rats (Major)	4	-	-	4	7
(Minor)	1	247	7	255	45
(b) Mice (Major)	-	-	-	-	-
(Minor)	1	30	-	31	-
V. Number of infested properties (in Sect. IV) treated by the L.A. (Figures should not exceed those given at Sect. IV)	6	277	7	290	5
VI. Total treatments carried out - including re-treatments	72	202	5	279	11
VII. Number of notices served under Sect. 4 of the Act.					
(a) Treatment	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Structural Work (i.e. Proofing)	-	-	-	-	-
VIII. Number of cases in which default action was taken following the issue of a notice under Sect. 4 of the Act.	-	-	-	-	-
IX. Legal Proceedings	-	-	-	-	-
X. Number of "Block" control schemes carried out.	30	-	-	-	-

